



MILITARY & OVERSEAS CITIZENS

UOCAVA

UOCAVA citizens are U.S. citizens who are members of U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, etc.).

If you are covered by UOCAVA and are a resident of North Carolina, please go to the [UOCAVA Voting Assistance Program \(VAP\) website](#) for information about registering to vote.

If you are a resident of North Carolina and are registered to vote in North Carolina you may request an a [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA SF 76\)](#).

If you are a resident of North Carolina and are registered to vote in your county of residence, you may submit your [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA SF 76\)](#) to your county clerk.

Who Qualifies

NC law (GS 163, Article 21) defines absent uniformed services voters and overseas citizens as the following:

- Members of the US armed forces (as defined by UOCAVA)
- Spouses of members of the US armed forces
- Disabled war veterans in US government hospitals
- Civilians attached to and serving outside the US with the armed forces
- Members of the Peace Corps
- Other individuals meeting definitions of “absent uniformed services voter” and “overseas voter” in the law

Registering & Requesting a Ballot

Absent UOCAVA voters may use the FPCA to register and request an absentee ballot. Requests from a voter must include:

In lieu of the FPCA, absent UOCAVA registered voters may make a written request, issued by the county clerk, which includes:

- election for which the ballots are being requested
- political party affiliation, if primary
- a statement of membership in any of the above qualifying categories of absent UOCAVA voters
- a statement of the precinct of registration or the address of the voter’s residence in the county
- the address where the ballots are to be mailed
- must be signed by the voter

FPCAs are not required to be notarized or witnessed.

FPCAs or written requests can be submitted by mail, by airtail, or using the secure fax #919-715-0354.

Requests for registration and absentee ballots by absent UOCAVA voters may be submitted at any time.

Receiving a Ballot

Individuals qualified to register and receive absentee ballots under these provisions may receive their ballot.

Ballots will be faxed to the voter using guidelines established by the State Board of Elections and contain

Casting & Returning the Ballot

Ballots should be marked by the voter or in the voter's presence according to the instructions contained

Voted ballots should be returned to the county board of elections along with the completed certificate pri

Ballots should be received by the county board of elections no later than 5 pm the day before the election

Incomplete Requests

If the FPCA or written request is missing required information or information is provided that does not pe

Contacting the Federal Voting Assistance Program

Mail:

Federal Voting Assistance Program
Department of Defense
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Telephone:

Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. Messages may be left 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Toll-Free for the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands: 1-800-438-VOT

Fax: 1-800-368-8683

Commercial: (703) 588-1584 / DSN: 425-1584

[Federal Voting Assistance Program Web Site](#)



